

U.S. RETAIL UPDATE

Retail Sales

August 13, 2002

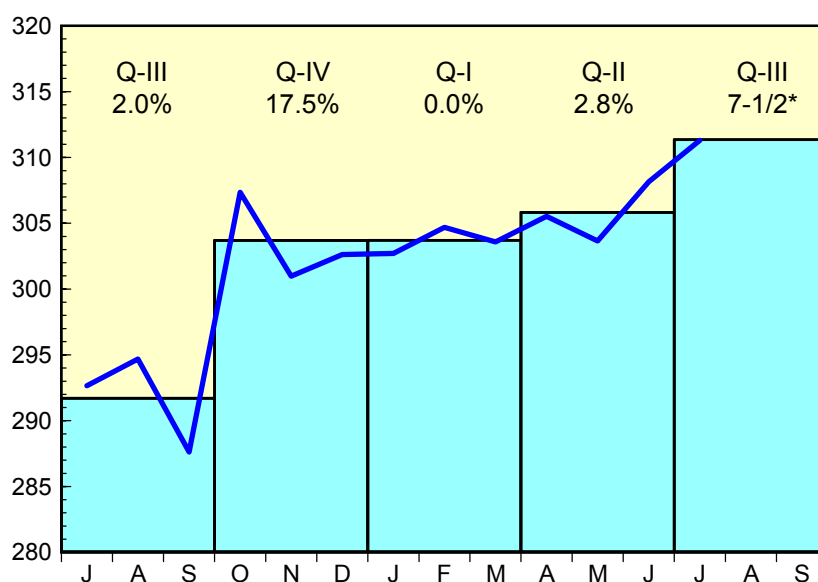
FACTS

Monthly percent change

	February	March	April	May	June	July
Retail sales	0.5	-0.1	1.2	-1.0	1.4	1.2
Nonautomotive retail sales	0.5	0.3	0.9	-0.4	0.5	0.2
excluding gasoline	0.5	0.0	0.6	-0.3	0.6	0.0
Motor vehicle & parts dealers	0.9	-1.4	1.8	-2.9	4.2	4.2

Real Retail Sales

Chain-Weighted Billions of 1996 Dollars, Seasonally Adjusted



* July deflator estimated. Assumes no changes in August and September.
Quarterly percent changes are at annual rates.

RECENT NEWS

- ▶ *Retail Sales Rise on Auto Purchases* ([Reuters](#))
- ▶ *Wal-Mart Profit Rises 25 Percent* ([Reuters](#))

DATA LINK

- ▶ [Census Bureau](http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/briefroom/BriefRm) (<http://www.census.gov/cgi-bin/briefroom/BriefRm>)

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